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Dear Professor Lederberg,

Thank you for your letter of November 26th. Since then I have written again to Dr. Hughes, of John and E. Sturge Ltd., Selby, Yorkshire, who requested your K12 strain of *E. coli*. He has now replied:-

"The idea from which I hope to develop a method of gluconic acid determination was described by S.S. Cohen, *J. Biol. Chem.* 177, 607, (1949), "Adaptive enzyme formation in the study of uronic acid by the K12 strain of *E. coli*". The author observes that 'the most marked diauxie was observed with the K12 strain of Tatum and Lederberg, (*J. Bact.*, 53, 673, 1947)'.

He then says "It now appears that I shall have to postpone this project for some time and I think the best arrangement would be for me to obtain the strain from Dr. Hayes when it is needed".

Thank you for your help. It is greatly appreciated.

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Yours sincerely,



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